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Philomath Elementary School—Blodgett Elementary School

## January 2018

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**The Oregon Battle of the Books  
is happening at Blodgett and PES!**

Individual battles started last Friday at PES. These initial battles help narrow the field to the final teams that will participate in the PES final battle, scheduled for February 26th. The winning PES team and the Blodgett team will compete in the OBOB Regional Battle, scheduled for Saturday, March 10th, in McMinnville. Good luck to all students and teams participating this year!

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| 14 | 15<br>Martin Luther King Jr. Day<br>No School | 16<br>PES Talent Show Auditions<br>3:10-4:30pm | 17      | 18<br>PES Talent Show Auditions<br>3:10-4:30pm | 19<br>PES Assembly<br>8:30-9:00am                       | 20 |
| 21 | 22<br>The Great Kindness Challenge            | 23<br>→  | 24<br>→ | 25<br>→  | 26<br>End of 1st Semester<br><br>No School for Students | 27 |
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### Philomath School District

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#### News and Notes

##### January 15th:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
—No School

##### January 22nd—25th:

The Great Kindness Challenge

##### January 26th:

End of 1st Semester  
Conference/Grading Day  
—No School

#### Upcoming Events:

##### February 6th:

PES Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3:05—4:05pm.

##### February 9th:

PES Talent Show 8:30—9:30am

##### February 23rd:

Celebrate the 113th Day of School @ Blodgett

##### March 2nd:

Family Movie Night @ PES  
Stay tuned for additional details.

## Philomath Community Library

The Philomath Community Library provides a number of opportunities for our students. We appreciate the opportunity to work with such a great resource.

Upcoming Library events for elementary ages:

- \* Leap into Reading Book Club (K-2nd)  
3:30—4:30pm on Wednesday, January 10th
- \* Block Party: LEGOs (K-5th)  
3:00—5:00pm on Wednesday, January 24th



Library Closed on the following dates:

- \* January 15th — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- \* January 30th — In-service

## Become a School Volunteer!

If you would like to become a volunteer, please visit the Philomath School District website. Under the "Quick Links" section, you will find "Volunteers Register Here." That link will take you to the application webpage. All further applications will be completed online (we're sorry, no paper applications will be offered on location).

If you need assistance with your online application, please call the school office.



## Volunteers Needed!

The following volunteer opportunities are available at Philomath Elementary School. If interested, please contact the school office @ 541-929-3253.

**Kitchen Assistance:** Help to serve food and provide general kitchen support.

**Office Assistance:** Help to answer telephones and provide general office support during lunch.

**Annual Health Screenings:** Help gather classrooms and keep lines moving for student health screenings.

**SMART Reading Program:** Please go to [www.smartoregon.org](http://www.smartoregon.org) if you are interested in reading to our students.

## Character Trait of the Month:

# FAIRNESS

"I am fair when I treat everyone equally and don't take advantage of others. I treat others the way I also want to be treated."

## PES Talent Show:

Philomath Elementary School is excited for our first annual Talent Show on Friday, February 9th at 8:30am. The show will be approximately one hour in length.

Auditions will take place after school on:

- \* Tuesday, January 16th 3:05—4:05pm
- \* Thursday, January 18th 3:05—4:05pm

Dress Rehearsal:

- \* Tuesday, February 6th 3:05—4:05pm



each  
others  
Enjoy  
talents  
and  
be grateful  
for  
your  
own.

REMEMBER: Please let Mr. McDonough know how your child will be getting home after the auditions and dress rehearsal. Bussing will not be available at those times. You can reach Mr. McDonough through phone: 541-929-3253 or email: [mike.mcdonough@philomath.k12.or.us](mailto:mike.mcdonough@philomath.k12.or.us).

## Girls on the Run

At its core, Girls on the Run is an educational program with a multi-faceted curriculum. It is true that exercise and fun are used to heighten the learning experience, but our primary goal is to teach: values such as compassion, gratitude and optimism; life lessons that encourage responsibility, diversity and connectedness. Our hope is that our methods will allow our "graduates" to be more joyful, healthy and confident for the rest of their lives. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to provide us a home and a safe haven for the girls as they grow!

Today we must share with you some unfortunate news: *we will not be holding a Spring 2018 GOTR Season.* We have decided that it is time to "Press Pause", breathe and reflect. With vacancies in key leadership, Board and volunteer positions it would be extremely difficult to run the season efficiently, with the level of quality that the communities we serve have come to expect. Rest assured that this decision was not made lightly and please trust us when we say that all options for moving forward were thoroughly considered.

We've accomplished such great things over the years! Now, with the intentionality and enthusiasm that we instill in the girls, we will embrace opportunities for growth and improvement. We will become stronger in every way. We ask for your patience and support as we achieve even higher levels of service.

We will always remain true to our Vision: "We envision a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams."

Thank you for all you have done to help move this Vision toward reality.

### The Board of Directors

Girls on the Run Willamette Valley



## Attendance Matters

"Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior, and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten."

For more information, go to [absencesaddup.org](http://absencesaddup.org)

## Parking/Fire Lane

Philomath Elementary School and Philomath Fire & Rescue would like to remind families to refrain from parking in the fire lanes around the school. Please remember that fire lane enforcement is in effect at all times.

Noted fire lanes include the area next to the school sidewalk on 16th Street. Please refrain from parking along this portion of the street.



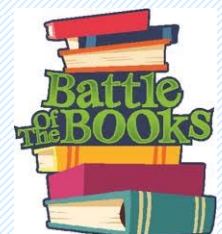
Picking students up after school is allowed as drivers remain in their cars.

## Oregon Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books at Philomath and Blodgett Elementary Schools is up and running, with 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students reading books as part of a team. Each team is responsible for reading 16 books collectively, and then will answer content questions in a Jeopardy-style contest to earn points.

The season runs through February.

Questions about this reading program? Check with Mrs. Coleman (PES) or Mrs. Hall-Bogard (Blodgett).



## The Great Kindness Challenge

The Great Kindness Challenge provides opportunities that actively engage schools in recognizing, remembering, and/or reacting in a culture of compassion, acceptance, unity, and respect.

Celebrated across the country, this challenge devotes one week to performing as many acts of kindness as possible. By accepting the challenge, students and staff show the world that kindness matters.

Some of the challenges include the following:

- \* Smile at 25 people.
- \* Make a new friend.
- \* Pick up trash outside your school.
- \* Offer to help your custodian.
- \* Sit with a new group of kids at lunch.
- \* Thanks a bus driver or carpool driver.

Kindness Matters!

January 22-25, 2018



If you missed the first PES T-Shirt order window, you have another opportunity.

Orders are due on February 2, 2018.

## Philomath Elementary School T-Shirt Order Form



- All shirts are blue and contain the logo on the left in brown, black, orange, and white.
- Short-sleeved/long-sleeved shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton; sweatshirts are 50% cotton/50% polyester.
- Adult items are unisex sizes, so women should probably order a size smaller than they usually wear.
- Make checks payable to:  
**Philomath Elementary School**
- Return order forms with your check or cash in an envelope to the PES office no later than:  
**Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>!** (If you would like to pay by card, please stop by the school office during school hours.)

| <u>Child Items</u>   | <u>Sub-total</u>     |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>Short-sleeved T-shirt:</b> XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ <small>Child XL is Adult S</small>  | <b>\$9.00</b> _____  |
| <b>Long-sleeved T-shirt:</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____  | <b>\$10.00</b> _____ |
| <b>Crew-neck sweatshirt:</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ <small>Child XL is Adult S</small>  | <b>\$12.00</b> _____ |
| <b>Hooded sweatshirt:</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____<br><small>(Small hooded sweatshirts will most likely have the design printed on the back)</small> | <b>\$16.00</b> _____ |
| <b>Zip up hooded sweatshirt</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____   | <b>\$23.00</b> _____ |

| <u>Adult Items</u>   | <u>Sub-total</u>     |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>Short-sleeved T-shirt:</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL* _____ XXXL* _____                              | <b>\$9.00</b> _____  |
| <b>W Short-sleeved T-shirt:</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL* _____ XXXL* _____<br><small>(v-neck)</small> | <b>\$10.50</b> _____ |
| <b>Long-sleeved T-shirt:</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL* _____ XXXL* _____                               | <b>\$10.50</b> _____ |
| <b>Crew-neck sweatshirt:</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL* _____ XXXL* _____                               | <b>\$13.50</b> _____ |
| <b>Hooded sweatshirt:</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL* _____ XXXL* _____                                  | <b>\$18.00</b> _____ |
| <b>Zip up hooded sweatshirt</b> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL* _____  | <b>\$26.00</b> _____ |

\*XXL/XXXL sizes are available for all adult items at an extra charge of \$3.00 per item.

## Tote Bag

Canvas book bag with logo printed on the side

**\$11.50** \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

- This item is a gift for my student. Please do not send it home with him/her.